## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:	)	
	••	:	Examiner: S. D. Patel
YOSHIKO IIDA ET AL.		)	
		:	Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/006,724		)	
		:	Conf. No.: 3633
Filed: December 10, 2001		)	
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
	APPARATUS AND METHOD		January 23, 2007

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006, Applicants petition to extend the time for response to January 23, 2007. A payment of the extension fee of \$450.00 is being made concurrently Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to that Office Action, the Examiner is requested kindly to amend the above-identified application as follows, the changes to the claims being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 5: